

Claims 1-3 (Canceled)

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A device for forming a vessel body from a molding material which comprises an open top negative mold, a ring-shaped lid member for the negative mold with an inside diameter which is smaller than an open top diameter of the negative mold, a rotary trowel, having cylindrically shaped working surface, which is mechanically fixed to move against an inner surface of the negative mold within a predetermined range to press and spread the molding material on said inner surface of the negative mold and is at least longer than a height of an inner wall surface of the vessel body to be formed, and a rotary trowel drive.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A device for forming a vessel body which comprises an open top negative mold, a ring-shaped lid member for the negative mold with an inside diameter which is smaller than an open top diameter of the negative mold, a rotary trowel, having cylindrically shaped working surfaces, which is mechanically fixed to move against an inner surface of the negative mold within a predetermined range and is at least longer than a height of an inner wall surface of the vessel body to be formed, and a rotary trowel drive, wherein the negative mold is a split type.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): A device claimed in Claim 5 in which the ring- shaped lid member for the negative mold is integrally fixed to at least one split half of the split type negative mold.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A device for forming a vessel body which comprises an open top negative mold, a ring-shaped lid member for the negative mold with an inside diameter which is smaller than an open top diameter of the negative mold, a rotary trowel, having cylindrically shaped working surfaces, which is mechanically fixed to move against an inner surface of the negative mold within a predetermined range and is at least longer than a height of an inner wall surface of the vessel body to be formed, and a rotary trowel drive, wherein the negative mold is a rotatable type and the negative mold is rotated about a central axis of the negative mold.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): A device claimed in Claim 4 which further comprises a shave stand for fitting the negative mold.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A device for forming a vessel body which comprises an open top negative mold, a ring-shaped lid member for the negative mold with an inside diameter which is smaller than an open top diameter of the negative mold, a rotary trowel, having cylindrically shaped working surfaces, which is mechanically fixed to move against an inner surface of the negative mold within a predetermined range and is at least longer than a height of an inner wall surface of the vessel body to be formed, a rotary trowel drive, and a turn table, rotatable about a central axis of the negative mold, for supporting the negative mold or a shave stand.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A device for forming a vessel body which comprises an open top negative mold, a ring-shaped lid member for the negative mold with an inside diameter which is smaller than an open top diameter of the negative mold, a rotary trowel, having

cylindrically shaped working surfaces, which is mechanically fixed to move against an inner surface of the negative mold within a predetermined range and is at least longer than a height of an inner wall surface of the vessel body to be formed, and a rotary trowel drive, and a drive means for rotating the negative mold in the same rotating direction as the rotary trowel at a surface rotational speed lower than that of the rotary trowel.

Claims 11-16 (Canceled)